

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-5, 7-10 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 11-13 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine, wherein, a second scroll revolving around a first scroll, the pressure of a working fluid as a result of such revolution being on the increase gradually and radial-inwardly among multiple compression chambers including a low pressure chamber, a medium pressure chamber and a high pressure chamber; a force being created by the pressure of a working fluid flowing through the medium pressure chamber; a piston pushed by the force pushing both of the second scroll and the first scroll to be axially in touch with each other; and an axial sealing status being achieved for both of the scrolls is characterized by ~~that~~ multiple guiding posts being secured on the sliding travel of the piston; the sliding piston being guided by ~~those~~ the multiple guiding posts and the slanting angle of the sliding piston being decreased to achieve better axial sealing results for both of the second scroll and the first scroll; scroll, wherein the multiple guiding posts being secured to the first scroll and to the frame by securing bolts; and corresponding multiple guided holes being provided on the circumference of the piston to receive insertion of the multiple guiding posts.

Claims 2-5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The axial compliant ~~means for a~~ scroll machine as claimed in Claim 1, wherein, a flow passage is provided connecting one side to the medium pressure chamber defined by both of the scrolls through the second scroll and connecting the other side to an annular recess through the body of the piston; the working fluid in the medium pressure chamber being guided through the flow passage into the annular recess; and a force being exercised

through the pressure of the working fluid on the piston to push against the second scroll.

Claims. 7-10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The axial compliant ~~means for a~~ scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the piston and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The axial compliant ~~means for a~~ scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the frame and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The axial compliant ~~means for a~~ scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

Claim 14. (Canceled)